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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the claims, please amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1. (currently amended) A compound for delivering a molecule from outside a mammalian cell to the cytoplasm of inside said mammalian cell comprising: said molecule covalently linked to a transduction signal via an activated disulfide bond that is cleaved more rapidly than oxidized glutathione wherein said transduction signal transports said molecule to the cytoplasm across a membrane of said cell and cleavage of said disulfide bond in said cell enhances delivery retention of said molecule to the cytoplasm of inside said cell.
- (previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein the transduction signal consists of a peptide with sequence substantially identical to SEQ ID 1.
- 3. (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein the transduction signal consists of VP22.
- (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein the transduction signal consists of ANTP.
- 5. (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein the transduction signal consists of a polymer containing a cationic charge.
- (previously presented) The compound of claim 5 wherein the transduction signal consists
 of a peptide containing cationic residues.

7-12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein said molecule is associated with a nucleic acid.